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ECONOMIC GROWTH IN SIX CORE SECTORS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether six core sectors of the Indian economy have registered a paltry growth of only 6.3% in July, 2007 as compared to 11% during the same period last year;

(b) if so, the reasons behind the slump in these sectors;

(c) the growth rate of the above core sectors in August and September, 2007 with corresponding growth during the same period in 2006; and

(d) the details of the plan augment the growth in these sectors?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) To (d) The year-on-year growth of the six core industries having a bearing on infrastructure is indicated in Table below:

Performance of Six Industries having a bearing on infrastructure (year-on-year growth in per cent)

	2006-07			2007-08		
Industry	July	August	September	July	August	September
Electricity	8.9	4.1	11.5	7.5	9.2	4.3
Coal	9.1	0.6	-0.8	1.1	8.7	6.2
Finished Steel	15.0	9.5	10.6	9.6	8.5	10.3
Crude Petroleum	4.1	12.0	9.4	0.9	6.5	-0.7
Refinery Products	12.6	12.1	13.4	4.7	8.2	6.9
Cement	14.0	2.9	16.5	9.0	16.2	5.0
Overall	10.9	6.6	10.6	6.8	9.2	6.0

Production in these industries is governed by available capacity and overall demand and supply situation. The priority given to the creation of physical infrastructure in the Eleventh Five Year Plan is expected to significantly boost the production in these sectors.